The Green Light - January 1973

President's Greeting

As we all begin 1973, I do happily express to each of you, on behalf of your Association officers, our personal greeting for the entire year. We wish you cheer. But a wish for cheer, to be substantial, must include a companionate wish for courage and conscience and compassion and conviction and challenge. Upon these, cheer depends, and I wish these for all of us.

I look forward, with all of your officers, to greeting you personally at our Association meetings, and to receiving, then, guidance to serve as your agents in pursuing, on your behalf, matters of importance to everyone concerned with our Point community and Newport. With your continued guidance, association, contribution and support, your Association officers may continue, as commendably in the past, to serve our Point community and Newport.

May your year be abundant with a sense of comfort, contentment, and happiness. 

Clyde B. Sargent

January Meeting

The January meeting of the Point Association of Newport will be held at St. John's Guild Hall on Poplar St. on January 25, at six (6) o'clock, so come to the Pot Luck Supper! Meet your old friends, and meet your new neighbors. If you have not been contacted by a member of the committee, call Dede Elster at 847-0563, or the Arnold Art Store at 847-2273. The main dish will be chicken and vegetable casserole with tossed salad and pie.

Bookmobile

The Bookmobile stops every Tuesday on the Point from 3:45 to 4:10 at Second and Chestnut St. So come promptly. Mrs. Kostarides has all kinds of books for children, and also adults, and can give you library cards to take them out.

October Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Point Association of Newport was held at the Guild Hall on October 25, 1972. It was recommended by the Board that a budget for the year be established to be sure that we have enough money for our usual activities as well as for Storer Park. The board proposed the following budget:

- Green Light $500.00 for postage, paper and mimeographing
- St. John's Church $100.00 (in appreciation for use of Guild Hall)
- Church Community Corp. $50.00
- Lights for Christmas $50.00
- Refreshments and cups for meetings $100.00
A motion to accept this budget was made and passed unanimously.

The Board also recommends that because the cost of everything has increased so greatly (The Green Light alone has doubled in price.), our membership dues be increased to $2.00 a year, sustaining $10.00, and Patrons $20.00. A motion was made and passed unanimously. The new dues go into effect in January, so the January Green Light has the new bills enclosed, and please notice that it is $2.00 per person per year - husband and wife are $4.00.

A motion made that the Point Association endorses the Sewer Bond Issue as on the November 2nd ballot was made and seconded and unanimously passed.

Admiral Eccles reported on November 1st we will owe to the contractor for Storer Park $10,000 for his final payment on the work of developing the park. The treasurer suggests we borrow $10,000.00 from the R. I. Hospital Trust. That starts a long discussion on how much we should borrow, and finally, after long discussion, a motion was made by Mr. D'Andrea to borrow $8000.00. After more discussion, a vote was taken and the majority voted to borrow $8000.00.

Admiral Eccles: In our fund drive for Storer Park, I have been very gratified at the response from Old Pointers and from people who have great affection for the Point and have donated money for our drive. I want to emphasize that the Park is for everyone, and we want everyone to have a sense of participation in the Park. Nothing is too small to give. We do not want anyone to feel that he must give a large amount; one person's gift is as important as another's whether it be large or small. This is a co-operative community effort, and small contributions are just as welcome as large ones. As an illustration: I suggest each family take a jar with a screw top on it, put a slot in the top and drop your loose change in it. You will be pleasantly surprised how quickly it mounts up, give it to John Kazanjian, and he will be happy to count it up and put it in the Park Fund. The Chamber of Commerce has endorsed our Fund Campaign and we have had a very good response from the businesses of Newport.

The report of the nominating committee, chairman Bob Elster, was then read:

President Dr. Clyde Sargent
2nd Vice President Mrs. Robert Elster
Recording Secretary Mrs. Stephen Kingsley

These are all elected for two years until 1974.

The nominating committee for 1972 - 1973 is:

Mr. Joseph Vars
Capt. Arthur Newell
Mrs. Arthur Kazanjian

Mr. Fullerton presented Admiral Eccles with a silver replica of the Green Light as a token of appreciation from the members of the Point Association.

Mr. Elster moved that Admiral Eccles be elected President Emeritus of the Point Association of Newport. The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Carolling on the Point

The Point Association had its annual tree lighting and carol singing ceremony the Sunday before Christmas. We were glad to see so many old friends and new neighbors, as well as children of all ages, all singing away. There was a tremendous cold wind which froze our voices so we sang inside the Guild Hall, with King Govell at the piano. We sang most of the old favorites and then, while some ate cookies and cocoa which was much appreciated, the real enthusiasts went on singing, which we never could do outside. This year we tried lighting a human Christmas tree, about eight people at different levels, each with a flashlight and a green bough. One started singing Silent Night and gradually all joined in, until all the flashlight were lit and the hall lights were turned off. Everyone joined in the last verse.
Our tree, planted near Grafton House, is now a good size, and was this year beautifully decorated by the W. Harry Groff Co.

Our greatly appreciated Point Hummer, Carrie Ericson, has written about the old houses on what is now Storer Park, telling who lived in them, what they looked like and how the children amused themselves, etc., but we are saving that until the April issue, when there is not so much about the modern Storer Park.

STORER PARK

As of January 1st, the Storer Park fund drive has brought in $15,760.88 in cash and securities with $4143.34 pledged for 1973 and 1974. In addition the 1972 Special Activities produced the following:

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When this is added to the $7500.00 which was placed in the Storer Park fund from our accumulated savings we have the splendid result of a total of $27108.63 which with our pledges for 1973 and 1974 of $4143.34 gives us a grand total of $31251.97.

The extraordinary weather has delayed the completion of this first phase of the development of Storer Park and therefore we cannot yet state the date on which it will be turned over to the City. If we assume that this will be done this spring and that our pledges are met on time, we should be able to pay our remaining obligation for construction, bank interest and taxes and still have a small margin for contingencies.

This splendid accomplishment has been due to the generosity of our members and friends in and out of Newport and the hard imaginative efforts of those who worked both on the fund drive and on the special events which so handsomely supplemented the campaign.

As for the future: Our Beautification Committee has drawn up a tentative plan for the further planting of trees and shrubs and additional benches. When this plan is approved by the Point Association and the appropriate City authorities, we hope to receive memorial and other contributions so that part of this further work can be accomplished during the spring planting season. Those members and friends of the Point Association who have not yet contributed can now do so with assurance that their gifts will be important to the further development of the Park beyond its present initial stage.

At the October annual meeting, it was voted after much discussion to borrow $8000.00 from the Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able on January 1st to pay back $3800.00 of this loan, leaving a balance of $4200.00.

In addition to the many persons who have contributed to and assisted with the special events of 1972, the Point Association wishes to thank all persons and firms for their specific contributions to the Storer Park Fund Campaign.
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